

**REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 16, 2007 – 8:30 A.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Call to Order by Chairman Kenneth A. Fish at 8:40 a.m. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. Members present: Todd Every, Aaron Scheck, David Grignon, Lloyd Pecore and Dave Corn (late). Members Absent: Pat Corn and Rick Warrington.

2. Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

3. Tribal Utilities: Arrearage dispute

Richard Schreiber was not in attendance for this issue. The Legislative Staff will send a letter to Mr. Schreiber informing him that he does need to attend the meeting.

Motion made by David Grignon to table this item. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (D. Corn, P. Corn and Warrington).

4. Veterans Memorial Ball Park:

Mr. Al Boyd requested that the ball park located at the Keshena Fairgrounds be formally named "Veterans Memorial Ball Park". Mr. Boyd also informed the committee that he has spoken to Duane Waukau-Recreation Director and he supports the concept along with other community members.

Motion made by Aaron Schenk to recommend to the Legislature to approve the request to officially name the ball park located at the Keshena Fairgrounds "Veterans Memorial Ball Park"; provided that the Recreation Department does not object. Second was by David Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (D. Corn, P. Corn and Warrington)

5. Pow-Wow Committee Report/Policy Development/Office Space Request:

The Pow Wow Committee was told by the Acting Chairman to cease and desist any further meetings because they were not following thru with certain policies and procedures. Mr. Fish has met with the Tribal Chairman and it will be a recommendation to make the Pow-wow committee a standing committee.

Motion made by Todd Every to inform the Legislature that the Community Development Committee supports the establishment of a separate Pow Wow Committee. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (D. Corn, P. Corn and Warrington).

6. Energy Policy:

Llewellyn Boyd brought a draft of an Energy Policy to the Committee for suggestions and approval. The Department of Energy in Chicago is willing to come here to give a presentation on the technical and financial support that is out there.

Aaron Schenk did inform the committee that the Alliant Energy Company uses surrounding areas cost amount whereas if the Tribe had an energy policy, this would help regulate the cost that is assessed. The Menominee Tribe does need to implement a policy along with an energy commission. The commission would be responsible and would also control the rates of utility usage and the costs associated with it.

Motion made by David Grignon to recommend to the Legislature to request that the Chairman send a letter to the Department of Energy in Chicago requesting financial and technical assistance in the implementation of an energy policy. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (D. Corn, P. Corn and Warrington).

7. Tribal Gaming Supermarket Recommendation:

In the prior Casino expansion plans, there was a convenience store that was part of the complex. This has been removed. There was a survey that the strategic planning office conducted and 80 percent of the membership felt that a tribal supermarket is necessary here on the Reservation.

Motion made by David Grignon to recommend to the Legislature to make a recommendation to the Gaming Board to include a convenience store/supermarket type facility at or near the Casino expansion area. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (D. Corn, P. Corn and Warrington).

8. Economic Business Development Proposals:

a. Business Development Coordinator and b. Business Development Ideas

Todd Every submitted to the Committee a rough draft of a budget, goals and objectives for an Economic Development Office. It was mentioned that whoever is picked as coordinator; that this person should have a master's degree in order to make this project work.

The Menominee Tribe does not have a commercial code and this will be a major disadvantage when trying to secure businesses. By putting one in place there is a system in place and business are not that leery of placing their business here on the Reservation.

One of the goals of this new department would be to review what laws the Tribe has already in place; what laws would be needed and what laws will need to be passed in order to develop business relations with local state and nationwide clientele. Another goal for this department would be what type of businesses we are trying to entertain. Are we looking at service or profit type businesses?

Todd Every will make the adjustments to the documents and bring them back to the next meeting.

Motion made by Aaron Schenk to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Todd Every. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Corn and Warrington)

9. Dyan Nickey Business Proposal:

The land has been surveyed. According to the surveyed area the back three (3) acres would not be used due to land fill requirements. Ms. Nickey has been working with the Community Development Department to get a land lease signed. Mr. Nickey will still utilize all 8 acres. The back three (3) acres will be for future development.

The project name is called "Standing Pine". Ms. Nickey does have several businesses (Laundromat, salon, coffee shop, and full grocery store with meat processing shop) that are already committed and 100% funded.

The committee does not have the amount for rent. This needs to be done after an appraisal is completed. At one time, a commercial lease fee was only \$150.00 yearly. This is something that needs to be discussed.

10. Commercial Business Lease:

John Wilhelmi informed the Committee that the lease conforms to the Federal Government statutes and also reflects other surrounding tribes' commercial leases. This lease can be sent to the Legislature for approval and at the same time.

Motion made by Aaron Schenk to recommend to the Legislature to approve the commercial business lease in its present form. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Corn and Warrington)

The length of the lease and the amount that is going to be charged would be up to the Legislature on what they would like to accommodate. For most commercial leases, the length would need to be 25 years with an additional 25 years for most business transactions. Change on the numbering issue; language on construction approvals by submitting their plans to the Tribe and a section will be added to show how liens, encumbrances on the leasehold, and/or mortgages will be handled. John Wilhelmi will make the additional corrections to the lease for final presentation to the Legislature.

Motion made by Todd Every to amend the previous motion to include the changes that were made to the commercial business lease at the meeting. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Corn and Warrington).

11. Payphone issue:

There is a payphone directly in front of the Old Reiter's gas station which the Tribe now owns. The Tribe has not received any of the royalties from the payphone being there. Mr. Schenk informed the Committee that a letter needs to be sent to Americom to inform them that they owe us several years of royalties or come and remove the phone.

In the event that the company will remove the phone, the Committee will need to locate another area for a payphone.

Motion made by Aaron Schenk to have legal draft a letter to Americom to settle on the royalties or remove the phone. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried; 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Corn and Warrington).

12. Other Business:

What type of notification is given to recreational lease holders before they are canceled? Todd Every gave a thorough explanation of the notification process for canceling recreational leases. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Dave Corn informed the committee that the Tribe does have a chance to purchase their electricity infrastructure on the Reservation along with the purchase of propane gas at wholesale costs. These will both be an agenda item for the next meeting.

David Grignon would like to know who is in charge of naming the Tribe gas station. We will notify the President of the Fuel Station Board of this item. Also, there is no marketing to inform people

13. Adjournment:

Motion made by to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder
Legislative Staff